NSIC to enable SSIs to be competitive in globalized economy are "Mentoring Services", "Credit Rating of SSIs". etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sick SSIs in Rajasthan

2351. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick Small Scale Indsutries in Rajasthan as on date;

(b) the sector in which maximum number of sick SSI units fall; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to help these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the latest data available from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which compiles data on sick Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units financed by the scheduled commercial banks, there were 6395 sick SSI Units in Rajasthan as at the end of March, 2001. Sector-wise break-up of sick SSI units in various States is not available with the RBI.

(c) The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries including institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Further, based on the recommendations of the Working Group set up under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include, *inter-alia,* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viabilitiy, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the Scheduled Commercial Banks for implementation.